

# **Baltimore County Local Management Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, June 1, 2020, at 1:30 P.M.**  
Virtual Meeting

## **Attendance**

- **Board Members:** Theresa Barrett, Tony Baysmore, April Cockrell, Laura Culbertson, Lyn Elliott, Tricia Isenock, Colleen Mahony, Paula Miller, Mark Millspaugh
- **LMB Staff:** Cydnei' Alexander, Deanna Leedy, Mary Leslie, Don Schlimm
- **LMB Guests:** Lawrence Richardson, DHHS

## **A. Welcome and Introductions/ Review of Minutes**

LMB Board Chairperson, Laura Culbertson, called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

The minutes from the March 2, 2020, meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board members in attendance.

## **B. FY 21 NOFA – Don Schlimm**

Board members were informed that the FY21 grant applications were submitted through GOCCP's web-based Grant Management System. Don explained that applications are scored by GOCCP, but scores are not announced. The LMB recently was only informed that there were "No Discrepancies" with our application. Funding awards are to be announced in June, but GOCCP has provided no date for the announcement. To date, the LMB has received no indication that FY21 funding would be negatively affected by budget funding issues caused by the COVID-19 virus.

## **C. LMB Funding for FY 22 and Beyond – Don Schlimm**

Don Schlimm explained that during the past 10 years, the total State funding amount that each LMB is eligible to receive has been determined by a formula. This formula was based on data points such as total County population of children and youth, County poverty rate, and indicator data; e.g., the infant mortality rate and educational test scores. GOCCP announced in FY19 that all LMB funding would be awarded through a competitive application process beginning in FY22, and the LMB has been preparing for that competitive process. We have recently learned that GOCCP has now backed off that competitive process, and has asked the LMB Directors to suggest a revised formula for consideration. The process is currently underway to determine the revised formula.

## **D. LMB Updates – Don Schlimm, Mary Leslie**

- Don Schlimm informed Board members that all LMB programs have continued to operate through the pandemic. For example:

- Healthy Families has been conducting virtual home visits. The agency has modified its budget to enhance its' technological capacity and the technological capacity of families being served to maintain virtual communication. Lyn Elliott added that her team has started "HFBC Connects," in order to help families to stay connected.
- Mary Leslie stated that the Local Care Team (LCT) continues to operate by conducting virtual meetings with our schedule remaining the same. The LCT has had two additional emergency meetings for youth who are stuck in the hospital awaiting placement. The number of OOS referrals has increased because of the pandemic due to many placements, including in-state RTC's, not accepting any new youth due to COVID-19 concerns. She further explained that as Friday, most in-state RTC's have begun to accept placements once again.
- Don Schlimm explained that the LMB was able to contribute \$45,000 in surplus FY20 funding to the County for the purchase of food from the MD Food Bank. This food was used to support the County response to the pandemic. Don expressed thanks to Keith Williams of the Department of Recreation and Parks for facilitating the connections to make this happen. Mark Millspaugh added that as of last week, 2 million meals were distributed in Baltimore County. Additionally, he thanked the Department of Aging and the Baltimore County Public School system for helping to make this happen.
- Don Schlimm informed Board members that we are seeing more and more research that connects the trauma that children and youth experience to serious behavioral health conditions. In response to that issue, the LMB is working with MedStar/Franklin Square Medical Center to conduct two training classes enabling County behavioral health clinicians to become certified in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT). TF-CBT is a very highly rated evidence-based behavioral health treatment model.

One class will start in June with a second scheduled for late August. Although originally planned to be held at the Franklin Square Conference Center, the classes will now be conducted remotely. The certification process will take 8-10 months for each clinician to complete. Tricia Isenock added that the capacity for each training is 25, and as of today, many slots are still available. She will share the information with Board members so they can distribute to their colleagues.

- Laura Culbertson announced that she will be stepping down as chair as of the next meeting in September 2020. Don Schlimm thanked Laura for her years of service as Board Chair.

## **E. Open Discussion**

Paula Miller informed Board members that her staff has been working from home due to the closing of libraries due to the pandemic. They have been assisting families with snacks, providing online baby story time and a new mom's group, as well as assisting the County with traffic at the Timonium Fairground COVID-19 testing site. They are currently preparing the locations to open up for curbside pickup of library materials to begin later this month. Paula stated this process would be hindered by the fact that folks have many items ready to be returned

to the library and those items will need to be quarantined for 72 hours before being checked in by her staff.

Colleen Mahony announced that her agency received 3.6 million Federal HUD dollars in COVID-19 stimulus dollars for rapid rehousing and rent eviction prevention.

Mark Millspaugh stated that DSS would receive 1 million dollars in federal stimulus funding to do short-term eviction prevention support. He indicated that CAN also received funding for the same. Additionally, Mark informed Board members that there has been a tremendous increase in applications for SNAP benefits. His agency normally received 4,000 applications a month; however, in April, they received 22,000 applications due to the economic impact of the pandemic. DSS has provided 14 million dollars in SNAP benefits in the last 2 months. Mark also explained that each youth in the FARM program would receive EBT cards for the meals they missed due to school closings.

#### **F. Closing Remarks/Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Laura Culbertson.

#### **LMB Future Meeting Schedule**

**September 14, 2020**

**December 7, 2020**

**March 1, 2021**

**June 7, 2021**

**1:30 PM**